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## MANUAL OF PATENT EXAMINING PROCEDURE

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<p>First Named Inventor: <b>EARL H. BULLOCK</b>      Art Unit: <b>3711</b></p> <p>Application Number: <b>10/800,793</b>      Examiner: <b>NINI F. LEGESSE</b></p> <p>Filed: <b>03/15/2004</b></p> <p>Title: <b>METHOD FOR PRACTICING PUTTING AND APPARATUS THEREFOR</b></p> <p>Attention: Office of Petitions Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: If information or assistance is needed in completing this form, please contact Petitions Information at (571) 272-3282.</p> <p>The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION.</b></p> <p>NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Petition fee.</li> <li>(2) Reply and/or issue fee.</li> <li>(3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee-required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and</li> <li>(4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.</li> </ol> <p><b>1. Petition fee</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small entity – fee \$ <u>250<sup>00</sup></u> (37 CFR 1.17(l)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than small entity – fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(l)).</p> <p><b>2. Reply and/or fee</b></p> <p><b>A</b> The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of  <u>CONTINUING APPLICATION</u> (Identify the type of reply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> has been filed previously on _____.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is enclosed herewith.</p> <p><b>B</b> The issue fee of \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> has been filed previously on _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed herewith.</p>	

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- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

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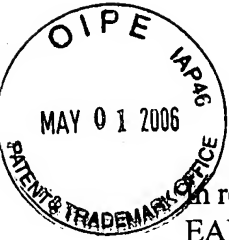
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  
EARL H. BULLOCK

Serial No: 10/800,793

Filed: 03/15/2004

For: METHOD FOR PRACTICING PUTTING  
AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

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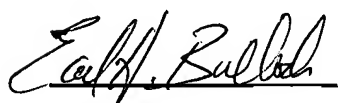
1. I am the applicant in application Serial Number 10/800,793, filed 03/15/2004, for a METHOD FOR PRACTICING PUTTING AND APPARATUS THEREFOR.
- 2 On August 25, 2005 the subject application was finally rejected. At that time I wanted to submit a continuing design patent application which claimed the filing priority of the subject application. However, at that time and continuing until about April 10, 2006 I was not financially able to file the continuing application.
3. On October 18, 2005 my patent agent, Ted Masters Reg. No. 36,209 prepared and filed an after final amendment, and did so at no cost since I was not able to pay for an amendment.

4. On or about April 10, 2006 my financial situation improved to the point that I am now able to pay for both the continuing design patent application and the costs necessary to revive the subject application.

5. On or about April 11, 2006 I discussed the revival of the subject application with my patent agent Ted Masters, and requested that he look into the details of the revival procedure. He did so, and on or about April 13 I instructed him to immediately proceed with the revival of the subject application, including the preparation of a continuing design patent application.

6. All statements made herein of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

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